GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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PRICES OF HEPATITIS `B` VACCINE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of fall in Hepatitis `B` vaccine prices;

(b) if so, the rate at which Hepatitis-`B`, vaccines have been acquired for the Hepatitis `B` Pilot Project;

(c) whether the UNICEF is also going to acquire the above vaccine; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the vaccine prices and the grant or soft term loan involved therein?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Hepatitis B vaccine is being received from Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI) through UNICEF and is being procured at the rate of Rs.15.36 per dose (US $ 0.32).These vaccines are being supplied by Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI) as commodity assistance.The UNICEF is only assisting in procurement of this vaccine at International competitive bidding.